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ONE SHACKER ONLY ARRIVAL.

Except Two Small Seiners
With Bluebacks.

The outlook for fish receipts at this port early this morning appeared slim, the only receipts being two arrivals with blueback herring, all the other vessels arriving since last report being empty. Later in the forenoon, however, sch. Conqueror, one of the shack fishermen, arrived from Quero Bank, with a fare of 150,000 lbs. of salt cod and 1500 lbs. of fresh halibut.

A number of dory handliners are still out upon their first trip and their non-arrival shortens the season for making a second trip, but next week may see them home, which will change the situation.

Two of the little shore seiners, steamer Herbert and Emma, with 40 barrels of blueback herring and No Name with 80 barrels, which sold for bait at \$2.50 per barrel.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Rhodora, seining.
Sch. Georgia, seining.
Sch. Galatea, via Boston.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, 40 bbls. bluebacks.
Steamer No Name, 80 bbls. bluebacks.
Sch. Conqueror, Quero Bank, 150,000 lbs. salt cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Grace Darling, drifting.
Sch. James and Esther, drifting.
Sch. Galatea, drifting.
Sch. Dauntless, dory handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70c per cwt.
Outside sales, trawl bank cod, \$3.35 per qtl. for large and \$3 for medium.
Outside sales dory handline bank cod, \$3.65 per qtl. for large and \$3.37½ for medium.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2.25 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.80; Eastern cod, large, \$1.75; medium cod, \$1.60; cusk \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, round, 65c; dressed, 70c.

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Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Fleet.

During the past two or three weeks great numbers of the Lunenburg vessels have come to Cape Broyle, N. E. and other points on the southern shore in quest of ice, bait and supplies. As a result of the big demand, practically the entire ice supply on that shore has been absorbed by them and many of the fishermen have done very well from baiting them with caplin. They report good fishing on the banks and favorable weather and after securing another baiting of squid during August they will make for home early in September and expect to have a record year.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Massachusetts and Topsail Girl, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., for bait and ice on Friday and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Mildred D. Robinson and Mary F. Curtis arrived at Canso on Friday and cleared.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport arrived at Louisburg, C. B., Friday and cleared for the fishing ground.

PRICES FIRM AT T WHARF.

Although Fish Are in Liberal
Receipts.

While the receipts of fish at Boston today are fairly liberal, yet the market is firm in quotation on haddock and cod, Swordfish has reached the highest price this season. Although there are several vessels there today, with the exception of sch. A. W. Black, which has 110, all are small, but the price of this commodity is quoted from 19 1-2 to 20 cents per pound.

Steamer Spray, which has been making such a great record the last three or four months, is again in today with a big fare of haddock and cod, after being out but four days.

The number of vessels in there today is about what was predicted for Monday, and indications point to a good supply during the week.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Francis D. Silva, 15 swordfish.
Sch. Actor, 10 swordfish.
Sch. J. W. Black, 110 swordfish.
Sch. Emily Sears, 53 swordfish.
Sch. Reliance, 24 swordfish.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, 39 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Richard Nunan, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 70,000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Juniata, 3000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
Steamer Spray, 57,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Diana, 8000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.60 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 19 1-2 and 20 cts. per lb.

NEWS FROM THE FLITCHES.

Prospects Reported Good for a Successful Season.

William Madsen, one of the crew of sch. Grayling, which vessel is on a flitching trip up north, arrived home Saturday last.

Madsen was landed at Battle Harbor, Labrador, June 22, with blood poisoning of the hand, and there went to the general hospital for treatment, when he left the vessel she had between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds of flitchers, fish were fairly plenty, the weather was fine and they had seen no ice, although they had been north to latitude 57.47.

Mr. Madsen said they saw the other vessels of the flitching fleet and reports sch. Essex with 60,000 pounds, sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon which had been on the ground only a few days with 15,000 pounds, sch. Oregon, 20,000 pounds and he did not know what sch. Ramona had.

From Battle Harbor he was sent to St. John's on steamer by the United States consul and at that city he saw Mrs. James Hayes, whose husband, Capt. Hayes, is master of sch. Admiral Dewey, and was landed at St. Anthony, from which place he was sent to St. John's and placed in the hospital. Mrs. Hayes informed him her husband was quite sick with pneumonia. He only talked with her a few minutes for he had to take the steamer Florizel for Halifax.

Mr. Madsen thinks the vessels will secure good trips, as indications when he left pointed that way. He considered the absence of ice up north remarkable so early in the season, and which is most favorable for the flitchers.

Good Trip.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, which landed her fare of halibut at Portland, brought her salt and fresh fish here, made a fine stock of \$2941. This is a remarkably good trip for being absent but 18 days, and for which the crew shared \$85 each.

Capt. Nat. is certainly making a fine record this season.

LOBSTERS AS TRAVELLERS.

Experiments Show That They Will Go Far From Their Freeing Place.

The officials of the fish commission being desirous of learning certain facts as to the habits of lobsters—whether or not they migrate from their homes, how often they shed their shells, etc.—once experimented at the fish hatchery at Woods Hole, Mass. Tags were fastened to 400 which were then set free. Notices were afterward sent out to lobstermen to watch for the tags and to return tagged lobsters to the station with notes as to their capture. Three years later many of the lobsters had been heard from. Enough was learned, however, to indicate that the lobster, slow as may be his movements on land, finds himself able to travel pretty much whither he listeth in the water. One of them was sent back by a lobsterman who found it in his pot on the shore of Long Island, about 100 miles from the point where it was liberated. Many others were caught in the vicinity of Block Island, a considerable distance from Woods Hole. Within 15 days from the time the lobsters were put into the ocean one was taken fifteen miles west of Woods Hole. The longest distance attained by any of the wanderers was that of one caught off the New Jersey coast, 200 miles from home.—Kennebec Journal.

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Possibly few people are aware that at one time Massachusetts enjoyed a close season on codfish, mackerel, hake, haddock and pollock. But such is a fact, and for all we know, the law may never have been repealed but remains a dead letter one upon the statute books. A few years ago, a close season was operated on mackerel. Probably if the close season on codfish had been pursued there would not be such a scarcity of them as at present on Georges banks.

The law above referred to was passed by the Massachusetts colonial government, August 29, 1668, and reads as follows:

"The general court orders that no man shall henceforth kill any codfish, hake, haddock, or pollock to be dried for sale in the months of December and January, because of their spawning time; or any mackerel to barrel up in the months of May or June, under penalty of paying five shillings for each quintal of fish, and five shillings for each barrel of mackerel; nor shall any fisherman cast the herbage of the fish they catch overboard, at nor near the ledge or grounds where they take the fish, nor shall any of the boats' crew refuse or neglect the orders of the master of the vessel to which they belong, for the times and season of fishing, nor shall they take or drink any more strong liquors than the master thinks meet to permit them."

There is no need of law relating to the disposition of the "herbage," at the present time as it is too valuable to think of throwing away, but the last provision of the act is a wise one and would not be out of place at the present day.

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CAPT. JACOBS WILL GO TO NORTH BAY.

Encouraging Reports of Mackerel Schooling There.

That there are plenty of mackerel in the bay is the welcome message which has been transmitted to Capt. Solomon Jacobs of this city and the great mackerel king will take immediate steps to justify his record and reputation in this line of the fishery industry.

Capt. Jacobs has received private advice relative to the schooling of mackerel in that section of the Atlantic ocean. He has taken sch. Georgia, of Boston, which he will fit out and proceed to the bay.

Capt. Jacobs will not give out the source of his information, but that it is authentic is undoubted, and he will act upon the information received. This may mean a complete turn in the tide of the mackerel fishery for the season and it is a condition to be most devoutly looked forward to.

The craft which Capt. Jacobs takes command of is one of the best on the Atlantic seaboard. As a mackerel catcher Capt. Jacobs has no peers and it is to be hoped that this venture will add only to his previous successes in this line. It may be that the letter which Capt. Jacobs has received will be made public in a day or two, but at the present he seems desirous of keeping the source of his information a secret.

Season Apparently Over on New England Coast.

The mackerel situation so far as this shore is concerned, remains unchanged, reports by incoming seiners being unfavorable, and it looks now as if the season was over on the New England coast. The vessels now arriving will not go out again, as the crews are tired of conditions that now

prevail. Some of them will fit for North Bay, and already sch. Premier has sailed. Word from that locality report some mackerel being taken at several places, and the Canadian Fish Bureau report 75 barrels of large mackerel being taken in a trap at Yarmouth, N. S., Thursday last.

It seems to be the opinion of many who have studied the mackerel situation that vessels now going to the North Bay will secure good trips, for it is the right time to go down there, when the mackerel will commence to school off North Cape, off the north side of Prince Edward Island and northwest of Magdalenes. This is the mutual fishing ground and it is just at this time when good trips were secured by the hook and line fishermen. For 30 years no one has gone to the bay, so the mackerel have not been disturbed, and so some think that the waters of that section are swarming with the fish.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, which is at Boston today, has 30 barrels of salt mackerel, which were taken some time ago.

Schs. Veda M. McKown, Mary E. Harty and Patrician have arrived from seining without any fish.

Sch. Diana is now fitting for a seining trip to North Bay.

For North Bay.

The new sch. Premier, Capt. George Hamer, sailed Saturday afternoon on a mackerel seining trip to North Bay, and Capt. James McLean is now fitting out sch. Diana for a similar trip.

Capt. Thomas White will now try his hand in the old time hook and line fashion, and will fit out sch. Margie Smith for a North Bay mackerel trip. This is the first hook and line mackerel fisherman from this port for several seasons.

TWO FISHING TRIPS IN PORT.

Shore Boats and Pollock Seiners Doing Nothing.

August is ushered in with the arrival of only two fishing trips, so receipts are of the lightest order. Sch. Fishhawk from LeHave Bank having in 50,000 pounds of salt and fresh mixed fish, and sch. Kineo via Portland, which arrived Saturday evening, having 2500 pounds of salt and fresh mixed fish for disposal.

The shore boats landed nothing and two little pollock seiners report no success, so that the market, so far as buying is concerned, is inactive.

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Sch. Fish Hawk, LeHave Bank, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.
Sch. Patrician, seining.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.
Steamer Jeffrey, seining.
Sch. Marguerite, 5 swordfish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
Sch. Lucania, shacking.
Sch. Actor, Boston.
Sch. Massasoit, swordfishing.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore.
Diana, seining.

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GOT TWO SWORDFISH.

Unheard of Record Made by Silas Golder of Sch. Bernie and Bessie.

Fresh water fishermen and salt water fishermen have often caught two good fish on a line, small ones, but for the first time on record two swordfish have been caught at once. This remarkable and previously never recorded feat was performed by Silas Golder, a member of the crew of sch. Bernie and Bessie, which arrived at Portland Thursday. Yesterday he was telling his friends of the feat and the oldest fishermen say they never heard of the like before.

When the Bernie and Bessie was on her recent swordfishing trip, which netted 42 big fellows a particularly good fish was sighted, the harpoon was thrown and Mr. Golder with other members of the crew, went in a dory after him. It was a merry chase for a while. When the line was hauled in, Mr. Golder found it twisted and twined and retwisted and retwined around the tail of a big fellow. He thought this was the fish harpooned, but after that fellow had been taken off, the line was still heavy and he kept hauling. Then the fish that had really been struck was brought in. Mr. Golder said that if he had known there were two swordfish on the line the chances are that he would have been so nervous that he would have lost both of them. However, he got them and also has the distinction of doing what no other man has ever done.

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NEARING END OF FISHERIES CASE.

Sir W. S. Robson, the British attorney-general, resumed his summing-up speech in the arguments upon the The Hague arbitration tribunal yesterday, taking up the arguments advanced by the American representatives.

Combatting the American point of view regarding the status of bays, he declared that, if large bays could be regarded as territorial waters only when other nations agreed to this, America would lose its jurisdiction over Delaware and Chesapeake bays; for if the court upheld the erroneous American claim in regard to Newfoundland waters, Great Britain would withdraw its recognition of the territoriality of those American bays.